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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Frederick M. Dearborn, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

SUBJECT: Soviet Training of Doctors for Service Overseas

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DD/I from Hon. F. M. Dearborn, Jr. dated 7 February 1958 with attached copy of letter to Mr. Dearborn from J. H. Smith, Jr., Director, ICA, dated January 31, 1958

We appreciate the interest that you and Mr. Smith, the Director of ICA have shown in our study on Long-Range Capabilities of the Soviet Union in the Medical Sciences.

We do not have information on training of medical scientists specifically for overseas service. However, the expanded training of physicians and their level of professional competency will permit expansion of their program of medical aid to underdeveloped nations. Indeed, the Soviets have reaped the benefits from small, well-equipped hospitals in certain areas and have used these facilities to further their political (conventional and unconventional) and economic objectives. Physicians assigned to these units have been average to superior in ability and have, in most instances, been conversant in the language of the country to which they are assigned.

The Medicine Division of OSI has prepared a brief resume of the Soviet medical aid program to non-Bloc countries for your use (Enclosure). Mr. Smith or his staff might also be interested in reading, "The Export of Technical Aid by the Soviet Bloc to Non-Bloc Countries" (Secret-NoForn) and the National Intelligence Estimate, "Sino-Soviet Foreign Economic Policies and their Probable Effects in Underdeveloped Areas" (Secret).

The Medicine Division believes that the Soviet Union and the Bloc countries will expand their medical aid program to Southeast

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Asian and Near and Middle East countries through a) the establishment of medical hospitals and clinics, b) exchanges of teachers and students, c) more active participation in WHO medical activities, and d) through the exploitation of isotopes for biological research.

We will be happy to discuss specific aspects of their program with Mr. Smith or members of his staff if this would be of assistance to him.

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Enclosure:
(1) Soviet Medical Aid to Underdeveloped Countries (with two Appendices)

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